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DOYLE ANNOUNCES SEPTEMBER 11 COMMEMORATION

Event will Remember Victims; Honor Emergency Services & Military Personnel

Monroe County Executive Jack Doyle has announced that Monroe County will hold an official commemoration to remember those lost in the September 11th attacks on our nation, honor emergency services personnel who responded heroically to the events, and recognize the American military personnel now fighting the war on terrorism. The public is invited to attend the commemoration, which will be held on the steps of the Monroe County Office Building at 10:00 am on Wednesday, September 11th.

On Tuesday night, the County Legislature approved legislation sponsored by County Legislators Bill Reilich (R-Greece) and Sean Hanna (R-Webster) asking the County to recognize and remember the September 11 attacks. "The September 11th attacks touched everyone in our community," said Doyle, "I think it is important that we come together on this one-year anniversary to remember those lost and to honor the heroes who sacrificed so much for their fellow citizens."

As part of the commemoration, Doyle asked that local churches ring their bells for five minutes at 8:46 am (the time the first airplane crashed into the World Trade Center) and again at 10:28 am (when the last remaining tower collapsed). "All of our lives were changed by what happened in that hour and forty minutes," Doyle noted. "Ironically, that horrible day brought us closer together as Americans. This year, we will gather together to remember those lost, to honor those who helped their fellow citizens, and to express our appreciation for those fighting America's enemies on our behalf."

In their legislation, Reilich and Hanna called on the County to study options for a permanent memorial. They noted that local governments and groups throughout the community have taken action to remember September 11 with memorials and ceremonies. For its part, earlier this summer Monroe County dedicated Lilac bushes planted in Highland Park to the memory of the September 11th victims.

County Legislator Bill Reilich emphasized the importance of keeping the memory of September 11 alive, saying "Every September 11, Americans will want to gather together to reflect on what happened that day and all that has happened since." Reilich added, "This year's ceremony is a good starting point. I think we should build on this and do some long term thinking about how our community will recognize September 11 in the future."

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